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OPERATION

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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

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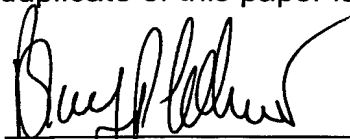
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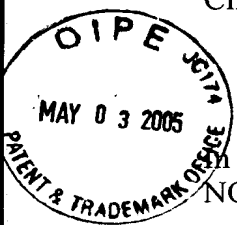
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**AND**

**REQUEST FOR A DECLARATION OF INTERFERENCE WITH U.S. PATENT  
APPLICATION SERIAL NOS. 10/457,310 AND 10/719,769**

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Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
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